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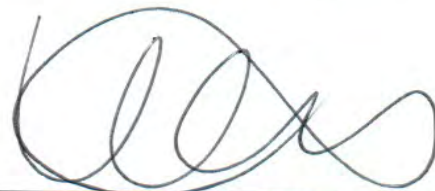
decision within 11 months.

Christine Benson of Worcester, NY
in Otsego County, being duly
sworn, deposes and says that she is a
Public Notice Clerk for the newspaper
called The Daily Star, printed and
published in Oneonta, NY aforesaid,
and that the advertisement of which the
annexed is a printed copy has been
published in the said newspaper on

7/8/25, 7/15/25, 7/22/25
- 7/29/25

Christine Benson

Sworn to before me the 29
Day of July 2025



NOTARY PUBLIC



COMMUNITY

Color Our World this summer

Color Our World is our Summer Reading Program theme this year. And we have a lot of fun and colorful youth programs scheduled.

Our Summer Hangout group is excited to welcome Sam from Visions Federal Credit Union for a fun financial literacy activity, local authors Louise Patane and Raye Pietruszka sharing book-talks and activities, and Barb Field who will teach us the art of illusion. In August, we'll be joined by the Otsego



Donna Foote
LIBRARY LIFE

County Conservation Association and Hanford Mills. We meet every Monday at 1 p.m. All ages are welcome. Story Time is every Tuesday and Wednesday at

9:30 a.m. We enjoy getting together to read, talk, sing, play, and learn. This summer, we've convinced Santa Claus to visit on the 22nd and 23rd for Christmas in July. Make sure to have your list ready!

We're adding an Early Literacy Story Time to our Thursday program line-up at 9:30 a.m. on July 17, and 24; and Aug. 7, 14, and 21. Our friend Ms. Bridgette will be sharing fun and educational stories and activities.

Teen Writers Group still

meets every Thursday, but we have changed the time we get together to 4:30 p.m. Libby Cudmore will be back with us on the 10th. You won't want to miss that! Our writers range in age from 13-18, so come join the fun.

We have fun S.T.E.A.M. programs planned, too, including 3D printing, building a Marble Maze, making Bottle Rockets, a Mario Kart Tournament, and an Egg Drop challenge. Registration is required for these programs, and space

is limited, so register today!

Do you love to read? Well, why not earn free books! During our Youth Summer Reading Challenge, you'll receive a free book for each reading log you bring in. Top Readers will each get to choose three books for the library to add to our collection. It's a great opportunity for you to share your favorite books with others.

Visit hmloneonta.org/calendar for more details about Youth and Adult programs. There's some-

thing for everyone at the library.

Library Hours: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday and Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Donna Foote is children's coordinator at Hunting Memorial Library. A Library Life column appears in the community section of The Daily Star every Tuesday. Columns may also be found online at www.thedailystar.com/community/library/corner.

STEP BACK IN TIME

Step Back in Time features news items from The Daily Star 25 and 50 years ago.

JULY 8, 2000

HANCOCK — During a felony hearing in Hancock Town Court on Friday morning, a Fishs Eddy man testified that his son tried to kill him by smothering him with a pillow.

James R. Vaughn, 28, of Bodiot Road, was arrested Wednesday and charged with second-degree attempted murder. State police said Vaughn repeatedly held a pillow over his father's face in an attempt to smother him.

Stanley Vaughn, 74, testified about the events that led to his son's arrest, but he had trouble hearing the questions and his memory often failed him. He suffers from advanced Parkinson's disease and skin cancer. While he was on the witness stand, he changed the details in his story several times.

"I can't really remember," Stanly Vaughn told defense attorney Aaron Dean when questioned about specific events that took place on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"My memory relaxes. It's not something to do with the Parkinson's disease."

JULY 8, 1975

ROXBURY — Flora Trujillo — daughter of assassinated Dominican Republic President Raphael Trujillo — is secluded in this Delaware County community, writing a book in which the last chapter will tell her views of the assassination of her father — and her comments on whether the CIA was really involved or not.

But until a U.S. Senate Committee probing alleged CIA involvement in the shooting deaths of foreign leaders releases its findings, she'll just be reading the newspapers like everybody else, she says.

"I don't mean to play stupid on this CIA thing," said Miss Trujillo, sipping a highball during an informal conversation with the Star, "but my publisher says no interviews."

She lives with Blanca Kelly in a modest, two-story frame house on Lake Street, with Mrs. Kelly's dogs — Peggy Lee, Mickey Rooney and Pancho Villa.

TUESDAY

COOPERSTOWN

Junior Livestock Show, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Iroquois Farm Showgrounds, 1659 County Highway 33. View dairy cattle, beef, sheep and dairy goat shows. Free and open to the public.

Lakefront Concert Series: Poverty Hill Band, 6:30 p.m., Lakefront Park, Lake Street. For info: thisiscooperstown.com

GILBOA

Hike with the Susquehanna ADK, Minekill State Park and Reservoir, 161 Mine Kill Road. For details and exact time: 609-713-9338

ONEONTA

Baby & Toddler Story Time, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., Huntington Memorial Library, 62 Chestnut Street. Each week is a different theme with stories, activities, and play. Recommended ages: Birth to 5 years old.

Helios Care Thrift Shop & Boutique, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Price Chopper Plaza, 5626 State Highway Route 7. Christmas in July sale. For info: 607-432-5335, www.helioscare.org/thrift-shop.

Oneonta Veterans Museum, 3 to 5 p.m., Veterans Club, 279 Chestnut St. Featuring exhibits, artifacts, photos, posters and a large military model collection. For info: 607-432-0494.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Your Safe Haven Food Pantry, 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., 18 Elm St. Only eligibility requirement is an Oneonta address; no income restriction. Bring a bag.

WALTON

Knit & Crochet Group, 3 to 4:30 p.m., William B. Ogden Free Library, 42 Gardiner Place. For info: 607-865-5929.

WEDNESDAY

COOPERSTOWN

50% Off Sale at the New Leash on Life Thrift Store!, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Susquehanna SPCA Thrift Store, 5082-5088 State Highway 28. Every Wednesday receive 50% off at the Susquehanna SPCA thrift shop.

Artists' Panel Discussion, 4 p.m., The Art Garage, 689 Beaver Meadow Road. For info: 315-941-9607.

HARTWICK

Food Pantry, 10 a.m. to noon, Hartwick Community Center, 3146 County Highway 11. For info: 607-293-7331.

LAURENS

Summer Concert Series: Rickety Fence, 6:30 p.m., Knapp Park, Main Street. For info: Villageoflaurensny.gov

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John Houshmand, 7 p.m., B-Side Ballroom and Supper Club, 1 Clinton Plaza Drive. For info: bsideballroom.com

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Summer Crafternoons at The Yager Museum, noon to 2 p.m., Yager Hall, Hartwick College. For children, ages 6-12 and an adult. This week's theme is "Gardens." For info, visit them on Facebook, email at lewisq@hartwick.edu or call 607-431-4481.

Yager Museum of Art & Culture, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Yager Hall, Hartwick College. Current exhibits: "With That Shadow Over Them: Constructing Catskill Reservoirs, Remembering Home" (closing July 31), "Discovering Our Place: Working, Learning, and Playing Within These Hills" and "Masterpieces of European and American Art: the Hartwick College Art Treasure Room."

For info: 607-431-4480, www.hartwick.edu/museum

RICHFIELD SPRINGS

Concert in Spring Park: Helen's Dixielanders, 7 p.m., Spring Park, Main Street, U.S. 20. For info: 315-858-0964

SOUPer Seniors, 11:30 a.m., Community Center, 6 Ann St. \$4 catered lunch and activities. For info: 315-858-3200.

SHERBURNE

Chenango Bird Club, 6:30 p.m., Rogers Environmental Education Center, 2721 State Route 80. Business meeting followed by a guest speaker.

SIDNEY

Computer Class: Excel II, 2 p.m., Sidney Memorial Library, 8 River St. For info: sidneylibrary.org, 607-563-1200.

Tri-Town Dance and Social Club dance, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., VFW, 133 West St. Every Wednesday. Live music and special events. \$7 for members, \$8 non-members.

WALTON

Crafterwork, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., William B. Ogden Free Library, 42 Gardiner Place. For info: 607-865-5929,

WORCESTER

Summer Movie, noon, Wieting Theater, 168 Main St. "Bolt" will be shown. Part of the Worcester-Schenevus Library's summer reading program.

Clark scholarship recipients announced

Clark Foundation President Jane Forbes Clark announced recently that the board of directors approved first-year college scholarship grants to 196 area students, totaling \$749,500.

According to a news release, students receive Clark Foundation Scholarships based on academic achievement, citizenship qualities and service to their communities and schools.

Nearly 700 already-enrolled college students will be eligible for renewal of Clark Foundation grants for the next academic year.

The Foundation anticipates providing more than \$4 million in scholarships for the coming year.

More than 15,000 students have participated in the program since its inception in 1961.

The recipients of initial grants for the 2025-2026 academic year are as follows:

BOCES OAOC, MILFORD

Anastasia Phoenix Allen-Marangio, Lia Boynton, River Jeanne Beauregard, Caleb James Christman, Orrin Matthew Clements, Angelina Marie D'Antoni, Julissa Jade Dixon, Emily Eilenberger, Jacob A. Fosome, Jonah Robert Hitchcock, Zebb Henness, Joshua Isabell, Van Jessup-Dascher, Allyson Mary Kappel, Georgia Ann Kolka, Tucker Kilpatrick Landry, Ash Benjamin Manganaro-White, Elsa Marie Marigliano, Karstin Cartor Meade, Brooke Elizabeth Muthig-Currie, Jonathan David Pick, Ryan Mark Ranc, Liam Etienne Rockwell, Burton Anthony Strauch, Emily Rose Sweet, Kaylen Turley, Edward Scott Worman and Creighton Lewis Williams.

CHERRY VALLEY-SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL

Kristopher Cade, Charlise Annette Canary, Katelyn Jada Carley, Hannah Decker, Lexi Dygert, Caraline Lusk,

Matthew Munson, Abigail Beth Oram, Alexander Sherman Rockwell, Caleb Ryan Rockwell, Maddison Lynn Rood and Carly Nicole Spaulding.

COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Ma Jerienne Aviles, Sophia Badgley, Avelene Barber, Colt Bernard-Wood, Jaina Lin Bischof, Cooper Christopher Bradley, Brent Chase, Lucas Clements, Paul Finlay, Winslow Crowell, John Sebastian Cunningham, Kirsten Custodio De Silva, Riley Ian Diamond, Josephine Grace Furnari, Roland Herbert Gardner-Olesen, Ryleigh Elizabeth Jenks, Annelise Rose Jensen, Mia Cassidy Kaltenbach, Aaron Matthew Katz, Pauline Andrea Kennedy, Faith Elizabeth LaFond-Fassett, Noah Michael LaPointe, Emerson Jane Lippitt, Meenakshi Divya Manu, Owen Christopher Marling, Sabine Toan Meckel, Andrew Eugene Miller, Arabella Rae'marie Ostrowski, Janak Mandar Pandit, Jeconia Pawlowski, Tara Phillips, Isabella Grace Reich, Max Caden Scharf, Brenna Kristen Seamon, Vincent Freeborn Stiles, Allison Ruth Swart, Rowan Kurth Swatling, Alissa Lynn Thayer, Kenneth Charles Figueroa Vinuya and Alexis Mae Wolfe.

EDMESTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Gavin Sayers McEnroe, Molly Jayne Rifanburg, Ella May Sparaco and Abigail Noel White.

GILBERTSVILLE-MOUNT UPTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Ariana Nicole Cornell, Arriel Lee Correll, Quinn Gray Covington, Kaleigh Rose Gee, Emma-Alexis Danielle Peck, Alyssa Sorochinsky and Anthony Vincent Westford.

LAURENS CENTRAL SCHOOL

Libby Ann Cox, Cadence McKenna Koren, Brooke

Ashlinn Mann, Jaidyn Simon and Nicole Stanley.

MILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL

William Robert Belen, Ava Caroline Bowen, Evan Dylan Clark, Lillian Sophia Cohn, Luke Andrew Edmonds, Scott Anthony Genardo, Dahlia Eleanor Levinson, Delilah Eva Levinson, Wyatt Alexander March, Faith M. Marling, Aidan Lanakila McWaters, Kara Elizabeth Mertz, Elias Wolf Miritello, Claire Marie Rodriguez and Brooke Stanley.

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL

Leah Ashlynn Gregory, Makenzie Hoyt, Sera Lentz, Mason Linton, Brooke Lynn McKinney, Madison Christine Moore, Ethan Michael Nisius, Grace Elizabeth Schiller and Hannah Elizabeth Wist.

MOUNT MARKHAM CENTRAL SCHOOL

Nathan Burns, Jeanne Carpenter, Giovanni Catrombone, Kasey E. Coffin, Payton Dauchy, Eric Louis DeKing Jr., Camryn Lynn Donley, Caleb Edson,

Teala Lee Guyer, Aubrey Hartman, Emily Hartman, Jonah Christopher Hecker, Katelynn Hinkle, Cameron William Hubbard, Addison Emma Jones, Christian Tyrese Jones, Jacob Daniel Kiefer, Brandon Michael Knisely, Jenna Elizabeth Kocienda, Kyli-Ann Laymon, Trevor John Lockwood, Skylar McConnell, Elijah Robert Pasquale, Nathan Michael Pcola, Leandra Elizabeth Plows, Lloyton Andrew Plummer Jr., Maggie Lynne Plummer, Claire Reed, Caitlin Tina Riddell, Nicholas Edward Sanzo, Delaney Stephan, Nicholas Matias Thomas and Dustin Gage Walker.

OWEN D. YOUNG CENTRAL SCHOOL

Owen C. Davis, Camryn Amanda Marshall, Aedan Winter Osborn, Maxwell Allan Pullis and Mason Young.

RICHFIELD SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL

Aiden Patrick Dibble, Abigail Alexis Diotte, Riley Arianna Francis, Fiona Christine Gibb and Joseph Luis Pino-Luz.

SCHENEVUS CENTRAL SCHOOL

Samantha Deborah Barrett, Leah Jean Brundage, Aiden Burgos, Amber Rose Burton, Autumn Renee Burton, Dustin Lee Comino, Addie Reverie D'Ambrosio, Jason Patrick Hoag, Serenity Nouvel Hopkins, CarleeAnn Violet Ingraham, Cassandra Ryan Miller, Olivia J. Parrish, Lucus Owen Risse, Cadence Renee Ritton, Madison Janet Schrull, Abigail Rose Whiteman and Raya Elizabeth Williams.

Worcester Central School

Alexander Joseph Adams, Delana Elaine Baldwin-Rhodes, Mariska Ball, Mariska Bellinger, Grant Thomas Beverland, John Alden Christopher Brady, William Francis Brady, Angel Nichole Empie, Isabella Mae Head, Griffin Danger Kelley, Malina Milavec, Angel Mravlja, Nickolas William Race, Cheyenne Elizabeth Rifenbark, Hayley Brooke Rundblad, Mason John Sivacek and Katelyn Rose Temple.

AROUND ONEONTA

Parent support group to meet

ONLINE — The following online and phone support group sharing meeting will be held this week by Family Resource Network in Oneonta for the families of those with special needs.

From to 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 8.

The required registration may be completed at <https://tinyurl.com/yc73knu6>.

The meetings are designed for families to form connections, learn from experiences shared by others and ultimately find support.

For questions or assistance with registration, call Ryan Tucker at 607-386-3613.

This training is funded by the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities. Self-directing families will need to add "training groups" to their budgets. People can contact Robin at 607-287-6358 for assistance adding this program to their

PUBLIC NOTICE

- PSC No. 87 – Gas - Schedule for Gas Service
- PSC No. 88 – Gas - Schedule for Gas Transportation Service
- PSC No. 90 – Gas - Schedule for Gas Service
- PSC No. 119 – Electricity - Schedule for Electric Service
- PSC No. 120 – Electricity - Schedule for Electric Service
- PSC No. 121 – Electricity - Schedule for Electric Service (Street Lighting)

On June 30, 2025, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) filed with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) an Investment Plan for Powering NY, which includes testimony, exhibits, and proposed delivery rate changes to the above-referenced tariff schedules for service.

The changes contained in that filing would increase revenues by approximately \$457.4 million from NYSEG's electric operations and by approximately \$90.8 million from the company's natural gas operations, to become effective in the spring of 2026.

The PSC may approve, modify or reject any or all of the proposed tariff changes. Among other things, the PSC's determination may require revisions of the proposed amount of the increases applicable to particular classifications of service or changes in rates applicable to those classifications for which no increase is proposed by the companies.

The complete NYSEG filing may be examined on the PSC's website or the PSC's Albany office. These cases are open and public. Individuals may provide comments directly to the Secretary of the PSC or offer comments at a public statement hearing hosted by the PSC. As the case proceeds, documents pertaining to the case are posted on the PSC website.

The PSC is required to render a decision within 11 months.

COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAY

BURLINGTON

Hike with the ADK Susquehanna Chapter, Basswood Pond State Forest, Conservation Road. For times and details: 607-434-4766.

COOPERSTOWN

Lakefront Concert Series: The Red Wagon, 6:30 p.m., Lakefront Park, Lake Street. Food trucks open at 5:30 p.m. For info: thisiscooperstown.com

ONEONTA

Adult Grief Support Group, 10 to 11:30 a.m., St. James' Church, 305 Main St. For Info. and registration: 607-432-5525.

Baby & Toddler Story Time, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., Huntington Memorial Library, 62 Chestnut St. Color Our World — Orange. Read books about the color orange and create butterflies. Recommended ages: Birth to 5 years old.

Helios Care Thrift Shop & Boutique, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Price Chopper Plaza, 5626 State Highway Route 7. Christmas in July. For info: 607-432-5335, helioscare.org/thrift-shop.

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Your Safe Haven Food Pantry, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m., 18 Elm St. Only eligibility requirement is an Oneonta address; no income restriction. Bring a bag.

WALTON

Knit & Crochet Group, 3 to 4:30 p.m., William B. Ogden Free Library, 42 Gardiner Place. For info: 607-865-5929.

WEDNESDAY

CHERRY VALLEY

Opening of the Cherry Valley Sculpture Trail, 6 p.m., Cherry

Valley Artworks, 44 Main St. For info: cvartworks.org

COOPERSTOWN

50% Off Sale at the New Leash on Life Thrift Store!, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Susquehanna SPCA Thrift Store, 5082-5088 State Highway 28. Every Wednesday receive 50% off at the Susquehanna SPCA thrift shop.

HARTWICK

Food Pantry, 10 a.m. to noon, Hartwick Community Center, 3146 County Highway 11. For info: 607-293-7331.

JORDANVILLE

The Erie Canal at 200, 2:30 p.m., Jordanville Public Library, 189 Main St. Presented by David Brooks of the Schcharie Crossings Historic Site.

LAURENS

Summer Concert Series: Off the Record, 6:30 p.m., Knapp Park, Main Street. For info: Vilageofflaurensny.gov

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Oneonta Veterans Museum, 3 to 5 p.m., Veterans Club, 279 Chestnut St. Featuring exhibits, artifacts, photos, posters and a large military model collection. For info: 607-432-0494.

Paint & Sip, 5:30 p.m., Huntington Memorial Library, 62 Chestnut Street. Register: 607-432-1980, hmloneonta.org

Summer Crafternoons at The

Yager Museum, noon to 2 p.m., Yager Museum of Art & Culture, Yager Hall, Hartwick College. Art and craft activities for children 6 to 12 and an adult. This week's theme is "Masks." Refreshments will be provided. Free and open to the public. For info: email at lewisq@hartwick.edu or call 607-431-4481. Susquehanna Chapter ADK Summer Pot-Luck, 5 p.m., Fortin Park, 108 Ravine Parkway. For times and details: susqadk.org

Yager Museum of Art & Culture, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Yager Hall, Hartwick College. For info: 607-431-4480, www.hartwick.edu/museum

RICHFIELD SPRINGS

Concert in Spring Park: Dirt Road Express, 7 p.m., Spring Park, Main Street, U.S. 20. For info: 315-858-0964

SOUPer Seniors, 11:30 a.m., Community Center, 6 Ann St. \$4 catered lunch and activities. For info: 315-858-3200.

ROXBURY

Summer Day in the Park, 10 a.m. to noon, Roxbury Library, 53742 State Route 30. Wide variety of activities. For info: 607-326-7901

SIDNEY

Tri-Town Dance and Social Club dance, 6 to 9:30 p.m., VFW, 133 West St. Every Wednesday. Live music and special events. \$7 for members, \$8 non-members.

WORCESTER

Summer Movie, noon, Wieting Theater, 168 Main St. "The Secret Life of Pets" will be shown. Part of the Worcester-Schenevus Library's summer reading program.

To submit an item for the calendar, email information to community@thedailystar.com or online at www.thedailystar.com/events.

LIBRARY LIFE

The Summer's Most Popular Books



Alex Benjamin
LIBRARY LIFE

Just like how I enjoy checking out the Billboard music charts, I also get a kick out of seeing which books are currently topping the bestseller lists. Sometimes I'm puzzled by the results, sometimes it makes perfect sense, and other times I discover something new. I do consider it part of my job to stay up to date on current book trends, and it's always fun to see what's resonating with readers.

In the interest of citing my sources, and because bestseller lists vary depending on the platform, this particular list comes from the most recent edition of Publisher's Weekly.

'ATMOSPHERE' BY TAYLOR JENKINS REID

At the top of the hardcover fiction list is a work of historical fiction, how cool is that? "Atmosphere" follows a young woman named Joan and her deep obsession with space. Joan's passion for the stars leads her to respond to a NASA advertisement seeking the first female scientists for the space shuttle programs. As a lover of both historical fiction and space this book is at the top of my to-read pile and while there are quite a few library patrons in front of me on the hold list, I'm hoping to pick it up this summer.

'THE LET THEM THEORY' BY MEL ROBBINS

This book fascinates me. Non-fiction can be tricky in terms of sales, it often sees quick spikes and fast fades, but "The Let Them

Theory" has been holding strong since its release in December 2024. In fact, it's currently the overall highest selling book listed by Publisher's Weekly, which is impressive for a self-help title. Part of what intrigues me is how differently the book has been received across platforms. Goodreads reviewers call it a rehash of old advice, while Amazon reviewers describe it as life-changing.

Honestly, I see both sides. The description of the book reads like the serenity prayer: give me grace to accept what cannot be changed, the courage to change what can, and the wisdom to know the difference. The content echoes the ideas of old stoic philosophers. But you know what? It's good advice and I support anything that improves peoples' lives.

'SUNRISE ON THE REAPING' BY SUZANNE COLLINS

The top young adult novel this summer is "Sunrise on the Reaping," the sequel to "The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes" which was the prequel to "The Hunger Games," and I for one am glad that the tradition of confusing sci-fi timelines is alive and well. This new installment

follows Haymitch, Katniss' mentor in the original trilogy and his own experience with the Games. Suzanne Collins said this book was inspired by the philosopher David Hume and his ideas about how easily the masses can be governed by the few.

CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

Nope, that's not the title of a book, just a section on the list. One fun fact about picture book bestsellers: they can double as an events calendar. The current #1 is "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss, a perennial graduation gift. Right behind it at #2 is "Why a Daughter Needs a Dad" by Gregory Lang, likely boosted by Father's Day.

Instead of spotlighting a bunch of classics, I want to share a lesser known book, one that has exactly zero Amazon reviews but is a favorite in my house: "I Love You So Much!" by Dory Elys. It's a colorful, pun-filled fungus-themed book about love and my daughter absolutely adores it. Right now this book is the champignon of my heart.

Library Hours: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Alex Benjamin is director at Hunting Memorial Library. A library column appears in the community section of The Daily Star every Tuesday. Columns may also be found online at www.thedailystar.com/community/library/corner.

AREA NEWS

Meetings focused on grief support

An Adult Grief Support Group will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 17, at First Presbyterian Church of Stamford at 96 Main St. or from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17 at New Hope Community Church at 45 Stockton Ave. in Walton.

According to a news release, these adult grief support groups are free, monthly drop-in groups open to all members of the community 18 and

older and are sponsored by Helios Care.

Groups are facilitated by staff trained in grief and loss.

Emphasis will focus on understanding the grieving process, making sense of any strong emotions participants may be experiencing and learning from others.

Call 607-432-5525 to register.

Library to host reptile program

UNADILLA — The Unadilla Public Library

announced it will hold a program about reptiles from around the world at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 17 at 193 Main St.

According to a news release, Repco Wildlife will show reptiles from around the world in "an engaging, educational and interactive 'Traveling Zoo experience.'" If the weather is rainy, the program will be moved to the Unatego Elementary School gym at 265 Main St. Check the library's Facebook page the day of the event to see if the location has changed.

DEAN'S LIST

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

The University of Hartford in West Hartford, Connecticut, announced that 2,228 students have been named to the Dean's List and President's List for the spring 2025 semester, including the following local students.

Anthony Pomares of Norwich was named to the Dean's List and President's List, and **Riley Stevens** of Milford and **Tina Turner** of Margaretville were named to the Dean's List.

HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

Hofstra University in Hempstead announced the following students were named to the spring 2025 Dean's List for their outstanding academic achievement. Students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the semester to make the Dean's List. **Camille Gordon** of Norwich. Gordon's major is dance. **Rieley Merino** of Delhi. Merino's major is music business.

VERMONT STATE UNIVERSITY

Vermont State University in Randolph Center, Vermont, announced **Carter Mackey**, of West Oneonta, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester.

BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY

Buffalo State University announced the following students who have been named to the Spring 2025 Dean's List. **Alexander Imperi** of DeLancey and **Quin Smith** of Middleburgh.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

Miranda Carrabba of Morris and **Tyler Mason** of Esperance were named to the University of New England's in Biddeford and Portland, Maine, Dean's List for the spring semester 2025.

ALFRED STATE COLLEGE

The spring 2025 Dean's List features 755 Alfred State College students, including the following local students. To be named to the Dean's List, students had to take a minimum of 12 credit hours of course work and earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average (GPA) out of a possible 4.0. **Dalton Allen**, Unadilla Valley Central School, welding technology.

Alexia Bell, Middleburgh Central School and **Stephanie Foote**, Downsville Central School, diagnostic medical sonography.

Dustin Coe, Oneonta High School, heavy equipment T & D technician.

Garrett Fitch, Delaware Academy and Central School, surveying and geomatics engineering technology.

Kendra Hammond, Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School, masonry.

STEP BACK IN TIME

Step Back in Time features news items from The Daily Star 25 and 50 years ago.

JULY 15, 2000

ROXBURY — Historic Kirkside Park in the center of the village of Roxbury is regaining its former glory, thanks to the efforts of a group of dedicated citizens.

On Monday, a crew of craftsmen was installing hand-built Adirondack-style railings on the first of five bridges that are being restored to duplicate the bridges that originally graced the park that lies along the East Branch of the Delaware River.

Peg Ellsworth is heading up the effort to revitalize the park located on property that was originally purchased in 1896 by Helen Gould, daughter of railroad tycoon Jay Gould.

Ellsworth said that in 1998, the Roxbury Town Board applied

for a \$10,000 grant through the Department of State Strategic Capital Investment Plan to begin the process of revitalizing and renovating the park.

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The low bid of Frank S. Lopke and Sons of Apalachin has been accepted for the demolition of the remaining buildings in the downtown Oneonta Urban Renewal project area.

The action, taken by the Urban Renewal Agency, apparently forestalls any possibility of a lawsuit on the matter, making Urban Renewal officials optimistic that demolition will start by next Monday.

In awarding the contract to Lopke, the agency rescinded a decision made last month to give the contract to the Pelnik Wrecking Corp. of Utica, the second lowest bidder.



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Friday, 6/27	The Brass Machine
Saturday, 7/5	Sevi Darling
Friday, 7/11	Rich Mollin Group
Saturday, 7/12	Mad Heed
Friday, 7/18	The Mopar Cams
Saturday, 7/19	Wyatt Ambrose
Friday, 7/25	Yolanda Bush
Saturday, 7/26	Jacqueline Marsh
Friday, 8/1	Jimmy Wolf
Saturday, 8/2	Aria & Juliet Dirig - Now at Foothills in the Atrium
Friday, 8/8	The Turnaround
Saturday, 8/9	Ned Brower
Friday, 8/15	Becca Frame & The Tall Boys
Saturday, 8/16	Trio Afinado
Friday, 8/22	Barn Swallows
Saturday, 8/23	Joe Rossi
Friday, 8/29	Mountain Jam Band
Saturday, 8/30	Canned Peaches
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Friday, 9/5	The Ancients
Saturday, 9/6	Andrew Carrington
Friday, 9/12	Blues Maneuver



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COMMUNITY

AREA NEWS

Juggler to perform in Unadilla

UNADILLA — Nate the Great will present his juggling program at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 22 in the gym at the Unatego Elementary School at 265 Main St. as part of the Unadilla Public Library's summer reading program.

According to a news release, Nate's comedy and musical juggling routines are interactive, and "great for kids and adults."

Group's meetings focused on grief

COBLESKILL — An Adult Grief Support Group will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, at the United Methodist Church at 107 Chapel St. in Cobleskill.

According to a media release, sponsored by Helios Care, adult grief support groups are free, monthly drop-in groups open to all members of the community 18 and older.

Groups are facilitated by staff trained in grief and loss. Emphasis will focus on understanding the grieving process, making sense of any strong emotions participants may be experiencing and learning from others.

Call 607-432-5525 to register.

Program to feature two authors

TREADWELL — Word Thursdays will be held in-person and on Zoom and Facebook Live at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 24. It will feature readings by authors Virginia Schwartz and Leslie Sharpe.

According to a news release, Schwartz spent her career as a Writing Instructor and Staff Developer in NYC schools. She trained in The Writing Process at Columbia University with Lucy Caulkins for 20 years. In addition, she was a writing instructor in UCLA's online Creative Writing Program where she fused yoga and meditation to help writers build a sustainable writing practice.

Sharpe is a writer, editor and educator, the release stated. She began her editing career at Farrar Straus & Giroux and also worked at various book producers, as senior and managing editor, giving her an overview of the publishing business, from the most literary authors to the most commercial projects. Leslie currently works as an editorial consultant for publishers and literary agents.

Email info@brighthillpress.org to be considered for the open mic portion of the program.

Bright Hill Press & Literary Center of the Catskills is at 94 Church St. in Treadwell.

Visit facebook.com/brightph for more information and to view the program.

Community day planned in Laurens

LAURENS — A variety of events, including community wide yard sales, will take place during Laurens Annual Community Day Saturday, July 26.

According to a news release, the following activities will be on the front lawn of the school: Bubblemania will present a Bubble Circus! Show at 11 a.m. This is a one-person bubble spectacular with lots and lots of little bubbles and giant bubbles choreographed to rock n' roll oldies. This will be followed by bubble play with coaching. The Utica Zoo will have a live animal booth from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Laurens Fire Department and EMS will have an open house. Breakfast sandwiches will be available for purchase from 8 to 11 a.m. and hot dogs and hamburgers will be available for purchase from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Laurens Historical Society will be open from 9 a.m. until noon at the village library. The Laurens American Legion will have a chicken barbecue from 11:30 a.m. until sold out. Diners and half chickens will be available, eat-in or take-out.

Worcester to hold ice cream social

WORCESTER — The Worcester Fire Department announced its annual donation Ice Cream Social will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 26, in the Firemen's Hall at 36 Church St.

In addition to ice cream sundaes, the department will serve hot dogs, hamburgers, sweet and hot sausage, a news release stated. Side dishes from the auxiliary's famous salad bar. There will be a 50/50 raffle, bounce house/slide and face painting.

Transport available to workers

Workers in Broome, Tioga, Chenango, Delaware and Otsego counties now have access to an expanded range of transportation services to assist with getting to work through Getthere's Transportation to Employment Program.

According to a news release, the program offers multiple features designed to meet the needs of workers who have been recently employed or accepted an employment offer but have difficulty getting to their workplace:

- Short-Term Transportation Assistance with the intent to help individuals access work sites in the immediate future, including bus passes, cab rides and gas cards.

An individualized and sustainable transportation plan that will allow a client to save money in order to afford long-term transportation on their own.

"TEP helps break down barriers to employment, which is gratifying to be part of," Transportation to Employment Coordinator Stan Varghese said in the release. "We've helped hundreds of individuals achieve long-term employment so far, and I look forward to helping many more as the program continues on."

For more information about Getthere, employers and community members can call 855-373-4040 or visit the Rural Health Network of SCNY website at <https://rhnsctny.org>.

Big Buddy group needs volunteers

The Big Buddy program for at-risk youths needs adult volunteers in Delaware County.

According to a media release from program sponsor Delaware Opportunities, youths between 5 and 14, are matched with an adult role model who is at least 18 and has access to reliable transportation to serve as their big buddy.

Big buddies, serving as mentors, generally spend at least four hours each month with their little buddy engaging in mutually agreed upon activities.

The program also includes group activities that may include community service, educational, recreational or cultural experiences.

The agency is also seeking youth to become little buddies.

Contact Jamie Smith at 607-434-1496 or jsmith@delop.org for more information and to volunteer.

Walton library seeks trustee

WALTON — The William B. Ogden Free Library at 42 Gardiner Place in Walton announced it is seeking a community member to fill a board of trustees vacancy.

According to the library's newsletter, the trustee would serve through 2028. Eligible candidates must: be at least 18 years old, reside in the Walton Central School District or own property/business with a Walton address, commit to attending six meetings annually and participate in initiatives, and complete required trustee education and training. The board values nonprofit experience, leadership skills, and a passion for library advocacy. Interested residents may complete the Trustee Recruitment Questionnaire at <https://tinyurl.com/2mvsz4wh>.

Concerts in Spring Park continue

RICHFIELD SPRINGS — The Richfield Springs Area Chamber of Commerce announced its Concerts in Spring Park will continue from 7 to 8:30 p.m. with the following bands scheduled the remainder of July.

July 23: Cooperstown Community Band will provide a number of toe tapping selections.

July 30: The Nelson Brothers, featuring classic country. The Chamber partners with the village of Richfield Springs, Otsego County Community Events Program and Community Foundation of South Central New York to present the free summer series of concerts which will go on rain or shine.

Spring Park is on the corner of U.S. Route 20 and Church Street.

Concert goers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets.

Call 315-858-0964 for more information.

Library Life: The library as a place

I have a shameful truth to admit: I don't read enough books to fill up a newspaper column every week. I read a lot, but not nearly that much. So instead, I want to talk about a concept.

The library and library board are beginning the process of creating a new long-range plan, and one of our strategic initiatives from 2021 was a popular concept in libraryland, "The Library as a Place."

My wife always giggles when I talk about this. If you see her and she's in a bad mood, ask her about it, you'll probably get another giggle, because obviously the library is a place. It's quite literally a giant building surrounded by a park in the middle of the City.

So, what then does the library as a place mean? It's a way of thinking about the role that the



Alex Benjamin
LIBRARY LIFE

library plays in our community. In the past, libraries were temples of scholarship and archives. In ancient times, it's said that ships entering the port of Alexandria were required to submit any writings on board to be copied and stored in the library. Its role was to be a repository of information.

But in a world where the internet exists, and the largest collection of human knowledge ever assembled fits in a pocket, what role does a library play in a community?

The answer requires

constant revision. The place of the library changes over time, and sometimes it even shifts based on the season. At the beginning of the year, we're a place people come to do their taxes. In the summer, we're a place children learn outside the traditional classroom structures. In the winter, we're a cozy haven where someone can tuck into a corner and read.

We're still temples of scholarship and repositories of knowledge, but we're also community centers. We're tech support in a digital age. We're a place where you can walk in, ask almost any question, and someone will do their best to find an answer. We're a place where you can exist without spending money.

Despite the age of libraries as institutions, this is not a new question. Historically, libraries were reserved for the wealthy

and elite. The public library as the place we know today only became commonplace in the 19th century. As we begin crafting our next long-range plan, we're thinking deeply about what the library means to this community, and what it could become. Expect to hear more over the next few months as we start to seek public input. If you have thoughts, ideas, or dreams for the library, we would love to hear them. After all, this is your library.

Library Hours: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Alex Benjamin is director at Hunting Memorial Library. A library column appears in the community section of The Daily Star every Tuesday. Columns may also be found online at www.thedailystar.com/community/library/corner.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAY

COBLESKILL

4-H Woodworking Workshop, 5:30 p.m., Schoharie County Sunshine Fairground, 113 Sunshine Drive. Register: 518-234-4303, ext. 117, kc2299@cornell.edu

COOPERSTOWN

Hike with Susquehanna ADK, noon, Glimmerglass State Park, 1527 Co Rd 31. Exact times and details: 607-267-7427

Lakefront Concert Series: Trigger Finger, 6:30 p.m., Lakefront Park, Lake Street. For info: thisiscooperstown.com

ONEONTA

Baby & Toddler Story Time, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., Huntington Memorial Library, 62 Chestnut St. Santa is coming for Christmas in July. Recommended ages: Birth to 5 years old.

Helios Care Thrift Shop & Boutique, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Price Chopper Plaza, 5626 State Highway Route 7. Christmas in July sale — Christmas items will be on sale. For info: 607-432-5335, www.helioscare.org/thrift-shop.

Nostalgic tour of downtown Oneonta, 6 p.m., Greater Oneonta Historical Society, 183 Main St. Led by Art Torrey and Liz Morley, as downtown was in the 1960s. For info: 607-432-0960.

Oneonta History Center, noon to 4 p.m., 183 Main St. Current exhibit: Schools of Rock: Music at Oneonta's Colleges in the Age of Woodstock. For info: www.oneontahistory.org, 607-432-0960.

Oneonta Veterans Museum, 3 to 5 p.m., Veterans Club, 279 Chestnut St. Featuring exhibits, artifacts, photos, posters and a large military model collection. For info: 607-432-0494.

Your Safe Haven Food Pantry, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m., 18 Elm

St. Only eligibility requirement is an Oneonta address; no income restriction. Bring a bag.

UNADILLA

Juggling by Nate the Great, 10 a.m., Unatego Elementary School, 265 Main St. Presented by the Unadilla Public Library. For info: 607-369-3131.

Walton Knit & Crochet Group, 3 to 4:30 p.m., William B. Ogden Free Library, 42 Gardiner Place. For info: 607-865-5929.

WEDNESDAY

COBLESKILL

Adult Grief Support Group, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., United Methodist Church, 107 Chapel St. For Info. and registration: 607-432-5525.

COOPERSTOWN

50% Off Sale at the New Leash on Life Thrift Store!, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Susquehanna SPCA Thrift Store, 5082-5088 State Highway 28. Every Wednesday receive 50% off at the Susquehanna SPCA thrift shop.

All-American Selections Open House, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., CCESO Otsego Education Center, 123 Lake St. For info: cceschoharie-otsego.org

FLY CREEK

Presentation on 19th Century Medicine, 6:30 p.m., Fly Creek Area Historical Society, 208 Cemetery Road.

HARTWICK

Food Pantry, 10 a.m. to noon, Hartwick Community Center, 3146 County Highway 11. For info: 607-293-7331.

LAURENS

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Summer Crafternoon at The Yager Museum, noon to 2 p.m., Yager Hall, Hartwick College. Families and children, ages 6-12 may visit the museum for art and craft activities. Refreshments will be provided. This week's theme is Pop-up Places. An adult must accompany children. For info: email at lewisq@hartwick.edu or call 607-431-4481.

Writer's Kitchen, 7 p.m., B-Side Ballroom and Supper Club, 1 Clinton Plaza Drive. Featuring Randy Miritello, Andrew Carrington and Mike Herman. For info: bsideballroom.com.

Yager Museum of Art & Culture, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Yager Hall, Hartwick College. Current exhibits: "With That Shadow

Over Them: Constructing Catskill Reservoirs, Remembering Home" (closing July 31), "Discovering Our Place: Working, Learning, and Playing Within These Hills," and "Masterpieces of European and American Art: the Hartwick College Art Treasure Room." For info: 607-431-4480, www.hartwick.edu/museum

RICHFIELD SPRINGS

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SOUper Seniors, 11:30 a.m., Community Center, 6 Ann St. \$4 catered lunch and activities. For info: 315-858-3200.

SIDNEY

Tri-Town Dance and Social Club dance, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., VFW, 133 West St. Every Wednesday. Live music and special events. \$7 for members, \$8 non-members.

SPRINGFIELD CENTER

Ron Cain Magic Show: The Magic of Color, 10 a.m., Springfield Library, 129 County Highway 29A. For info: 315-858-5802.

WALTON

Book Club, 7 p.m., William B. Ogden Free Library, 42 Gardiner Place. For info: 607-865-5929.

WORCESTER

Summer Movie, noon, Wieting Theater, 168 Main St. "Mufasa" will be shown. Part of the Worcester-Schenevus Library's summer reading program.

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JULY 22, 2000

SIDNEY — Sidney High School will be exchanging teachers this year with a small town in Norway, thanks to the Fulbright Teacher and Administrator Exchange program.

Sidney English teacher Michael Stritch was chosen to participate in the program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. Stritch said he sees the chance to trade places with a teacher

from another country as an unusual opportunity to face new challenges and experience another culture.

"Hopefully I will come back as a better teacher," he said.

Sidney High School Principal Tim Turecek said acceptance into the program is an honor for Stritch.

"He is an excellent teacher with an intellectual bent," Turecek said.

JULY 22, 1975

The Democratic candidate for alderman in the Eighth Ward has called on the Urban

Renewal Agency not to demolish the buildings between 186 and 202 Main Street.

Richard M. Struck said the buildings on Main Street, which include all the storefronts from the Greyhound Bus station to the Webb's Shoe Store, could be renovated.

Struck called on the agency to sell the buildings back to a local developer.

"The condition of these buildings,"

Struck said, "is no worse than many of the others which have been renovated between Chestnut Street Extension and Sisson."

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COMMUNITY

Red Cross schedules blood drives

The American Red Cross announced it has scheduled blood drives in August.

According to a news release, the Red Cross urges all donors to give blood or platelets now to keep the blood supply strong this summer. Type O blood products are most needed on hospital shelves – especially in the face of summer challenges that can quickly cause blood and platelet reserves to drop.

In thanks, those who come to give by July 31 will receive a Fandango Movie Reward by email. For details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/July.

Those who come to give Aug. 1-28 will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. Plus, the Red Cross will perform free A1C testing, commonly used to screen for prediabetes and diabetes, on successful donations (one test result per 12-month period). Visit RedCrossBlood.org/Test for more information.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities through Aug. 22:

July 30: from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Delhi United Ministry at 1 Church St.

July 31: from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Delaware Opportunities Inc. at 35430 State Route 10 in Hamden.

Aug. 1: 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., Bassett Hall, 31 Beaver St., Cooperstown.

Aug. 4: 1 to 5:30 p.m., Father Rausch Memorial Hall, 316 W. Main St., Hancock; 1 to 6 p.m., Worcester United Methodist Church, 111 Main St., Worcester.

Aug. 6: 11:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m., Golden Artist Colors Inc., 188 Bell Road, New Berlin; noon to 5 p.m., AO Fox Memorial Hospital Levine Center, One Norton Ave., Oneonta.

Aug. 7: 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Guernsey Memorial Library, 3 Court St., Norwich

Aug. 14: 1 to 6 p.m., Sacred Heart Hall, 27 Harper St., Stamford.

Aug. 19: 1 to 5 p.m., Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, 289 Main St., Schoharie. 2 to 6 p.m., Pines Brook Church, 1444 Pines Brook Road, Walton.

Aug. 18: noon to 5 p.m., Clark Sports Center, 124 County Highway 52, Cooperstown.

Aug. 12: 1 to 6 p.m., Quality Inn, 5206 State Highway 23, Oneonta.

Aug. 20: 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sherburne Fire Department, 15 W. State St., Sherburne.

Aug. 21: 11:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m., Guernsey Memorial Library, 3 Court St., Norwich; noon to 4:30 p.m., South New Berlin Fire Department, 3519 State Highway 8.

Aug. 22: 1 to 5 p.m., Oneonta Elks Lodge 1312, 86 Chestnut St., Oneonta.

To book a time to give blood or platelets, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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COOPERSTOWN — For the 30th consecutive year, the Biological Field Station's barge, boats and crews will scour the parameter of Otsego Lake, helping to keep the shoreline clean.

The operation will commence at about 11 a.m. Sunday and by noon, the barge should be at the north end of the lake, said BFS Director Bill Harman.

The procession will then move slowly down the lake, with the crew picking up construction debris, metal, fiberglass and other objects that litter the shore, Harman said.

The crew will not take away household garbage or brush. "If we were to include brush, we'd fill up right away," Harman said.

JULY 29, 1975

COOPERSTOWN — The Cooperstown High School was broken into sometime Saturday

night and about \$81 worth of food was taken and \$500 worth of damage was perpetrated.

Cooperstown Village Police, who are investigating the incident, said the glass was broken in the back door leading to the school's gymnasium and that is how entry was gained.

The thief or thieves then entered the hallway, breaking a window section in the door to gain entry into the south hall. Then they apparently crawled to a window leading to the north hallway, breaking another window section.

Then they forced open the wooden doors leading to the kitchen, forced open the freezer door, also breaking the lock in the kitchen's storeroom, police said. Among the canned and frozen foods taken was 40 pounds of hot dogs which were prepared for the students' annual sale at the Hall of Fame day when students man a stand in the Doubleday parking lot selling food to assist school projects.

Caught up in the Dungeon Crawler Carl series

One of the more entertaining aspects of ADHD is the hyperfixations that tend to come with it. For those not in the know, ADHD hyperfixation is an unofficial symptom where a person becomes so absorbed in a particular interest for a prolonged period of time that they become oblivious to time passing and what's happening around them. Luckily for me, a majority of my hyperfixations come from books. Which leads me to what I want to talk about today, my latest hyperfixation: Dungeon Crawler Carl.

The Dungeon Crawler Carl (or DCC for short) series is written by Matt Diniman and was independently published through Amazon's Kindle storefront until last year when it was picked up by Ace Books. It is still ongoing with seven books published, with the first six available in hardcover and the seventh soon to follow in September. I was first introduced to the series thanks to the NYT Bestsellers List. At the library, if a title has been on the NYT Bestsellers list for a few weeks we'll order the book if it isn't already part of our collection. This was the case with the fourth and fifth book of the series.

During my inspection of one of our new book carts my eye was drawn to the interesting graphics and cover design of the book. Curious to learn more about the series I hopped on to Google to see what it was about. My search led to my downloading the first book onto my Kindle, reading it over the weekend, and then downloading the rest of the series. I've gushed about it to my co-workers (and converted one of them into reading the series as well), pre-ordered a signed copy of the seventh book, and 3D printed one of the characters to have it sit at my desk. I'm making my way through the sixth book at time of writing and haven't read anything else since picking up the first. I'm obsessed.



Ariel Turrigiano
LIBRARY LIFE

So let me tell you about this series. DCC is a science fiction and fantasy LitRPG. LitRPG books merge traditional book-style narration with elements of a gaming experience, describing various quests, achievements and other events typical of a video game. This is my first time trying out this genre and, according to others, starting with DCC has ruined others in this genre because of just how well done it is in comparison. So be forewarned!

Anyway, the story begins with our protagonist Carl, a member of the coast guard who's just found out that his now ex-girlfriend cheated on him, outside on the coldest day of the year at 2 in the morning trying to retrieve his ex-girlfriend's cat, Princess Donut, from a tree. When all of a sudden... SPLAT! Everything is gone! Buildings flattened. Cars smooshed. All structures gone.

Turns out, aliens are real and they've come to collect! Humanity has only one option to reclaim Earth as a sovereign planet: defeat The Dungeon, an 18-level labyrinth filled with traps, monsters and loot. A dungeon so enormous, it circles the entire globe. Oh, and it also happens to be the set of a long running alien game show that is televised all over the galaxy.

"The apocalypse will be televised!"

What follows is a gloriously uninged, surprisingly heartfelt, and wildly entertaining ride through one of the most original series I've ever gotten myself tangled up in. Dungeon Crawler Carl is what happens when you toss sci-fi, fantasy, a death game reality show, and a video game stat

sheet into a blender and somehow end up with a five-star meal instead of a mess. It shouldn't work, but it absolutely does.

Carl himself is the definition of reluctant hero: snarky, stubborn and more concerned about finding pants than saving the world (at first, anyway). And then there's Princess Donut, his high-maintenance, rhinestone-collared, tiara-wearing, magic-wielding cat who speaks in complete sentences and has the confidence of a Kardashian on a red carpet. She is that diva and I am here for it!

Tone is really what sets this series apart. Somehow, Dinniman manages to balance gut-busting humor with genuine emotional depth, all without missing a beat. There's a running gag throughout the books about Carl and Donut needing to come up with a catchphrase for the galactic audience, something flashy to boost their ratings. Naturally, Carl's exasperated "Goddammit, Donut!" ends up being the one that sticks, and by the time it officially becomes a thing, I was laughing right along with the rest of the fictional crowd.

But underneath all the absurdity there's a lot of emotional depth. Carl's reflections on the end of the world, the strange morality of this new life, and what it means to survive when millions of others haven't, hit harder than I expected. It never feels forced or overly sentimental, just... real. The relationship between Carl and Donut is surprisingly layered. They care deeply for each other, but they're not always on the same page, which leads to a lot of hilarious moments, but also some thoughtful ones. Dinniman writes them like actual friends navigating a truly bizarre situation: arguing, making up, pushing forward, and trying to make sense of the ethics of surviving in a dungeon designed to kill.

And while DCC delivers

on the blood, guts, and massive boss fights, there's a solid layer of social commentary bubbling just beneath the surface. A little bit of "history is written by the victors," a bit of "who gets to shape the narrative," and a healthy splash of "capitalism is trash and we're all just dancing for the algorithm." It doesn't beat you over the head with it, but it's there, sharp and intentional.

Yes, there's plenty of darkness, human depravity, moral compromises, the ugliness that comes out when people are pushed to their breaking point, but there's also genuine decency, small acts of kindness, and moments of hope. And for me, that's what seals the deal. I like my apocalypses with a side of heart, and Carl, armed with sarcasm, grit, and a diva cat in an increasingly large number of tiny hats, never stops fighting for something better. He will not let the dungeon break him.

I highly recommend these books to anyone with an interest in sci-fi/fantasy, video games, or just looking for a wild rollercoaster of a ride. And if you're an audiobook reader then you're in for a real treat, Jeff Hays does an absolutely phenomenal job narrating and voice acting every character. I will warn that the books are very... crass. It's a major part of the humor but I understand that it's not going to be everyone's cup of tea. But I do feel that the heartfelt, emotional moments help to balance out the crassness.

Library Hours:
9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday and Friday;
9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Ariel Turrigiano is program librarian at Hunting Memorial Library. A library column appears in the community section of The Daily Star every week. Columns may also be found online at www.thedailystar.com/community/library/corner.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAY
COOPERSTOWN

Lakefront Concert Series: The Insolent Willies, 6:30 p.m., Lake Park, Lake Street. For info: thisiscooperstown.com

ONEONTA

Baby & Toddler Story Time, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., Huntington Memorial Library, 62 Chestnut St. BJ the Clown will visit. Recommended ages: Birth to 5 years old.

Helios Care Thrift Shop & Boutique, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Price Chopper Plaza, 5626 State Highway Route 7. Christmas in July sale — Christmas items on sale. For info: 607-432-5335, www.helioscare.org/thrift-shop.

Oneonta History Center, noon to 4 p.m., 183 Main St. Current exhibit: Schools of Rock: Music at Oneonta's Colleges in the Age of Woodstock. For info: www.oneontahistory.org, 607-432-0960.

Oneonta Veterans Museum, 3 to 5 p.m., Veterans Club, 279 Chestnut St. Featuring exhibits, artifacts, photos, posters and a large military model collection. For info: 607-432-0494.

Your Safe Haven Food Pantry, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m., 18 Elm

St. Only eligibility requirement is an Oneonta address; no income restriction. Bring a bag.

WALTON

Knit & Crochet Group, 3 to 4:30 p.m., William B. Ogden Free Library, 42 Gardiner Place. For info: 607-865-5929.

WEDNESDAY

BAINBRIDGE

Workshop: Grow Your Business with Social Media, 8 a.m., Backdoor Bar & Grille, West Main Street. Sponsored by bainbridge Chamber of Commerce. Register: bainbridge.chamber@yahoo.com

COOPERSTOWN

50% Off Sale at the New Leash on Life Thrift Store!, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Susquehanna SPCA Thrift Store, 5082-5088 State Highway 28. Every Wednesday receive 50% off at the Susquehanna SPCA thrift shop.

The Queen's Cartoonists, 7 p.m., Fenimore Farm and Country Village, 5775 State Route 80. For info: cooperstownmusicfest.org

HARTWICK

Food Pantry, 10 a.m. to noon,

Hartwick Community Center, 3146 County Highway 11. For info: 607-293-7331.

ONEONTA

Baby & Toddler Story Time, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., Huntington Memorial Library, 62 Chestnut St. Read In My New Yellow Shirt by Eileen Spinelli and Turtle Walk by Matt Phelan, and make yellow and green paper chain snakes. Recommended ages: Birth to 5 years old.

Cupid & Cowboy & The Mooks, 7 p.m., B-Side Ballroom and Supper Club, 1 Clinton Plaza Drive. Pass-the-Hat. For info: bsideballroom.com

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Summer Craftermoons at The Yager Museum, noon to 2 p.m., Yager Hall, Hartwick College. Families and children, 6-12 are invited for art and craft activities. This week's theme is music. Refreshments will be provided. Free and open to the public. For detailed directions and contact information, visit us on Facebook, email at

lewisq@hartwick.edu or call 607-431-4481.

Yager Museum of Art & Culture, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Yager Museum of Art & Culture, Yager Hall, Hartwick College. Current exhibits: "With That Shadow Over Them: Constructing Catskill Reservoirs, Remembering Home" (closing July 31), "Discovering Our Place: Working, Learning, and Playing Within These Hills" and "Masterpieces of European and American Art: the Hartwick College Art Treasure Room." For info: 607-431-4480, www.hartwick.edu/museum

RICHFIELD SPRINGS

Concert in Spring Park: The Nelson Brothers, 7 p.m., Spring Park, Main Street, U.S. 20. For info: 315-858-0964

SOUPer Seniors, 11:30 a.m., Community Center, 6 Ann St.

\$4 catered lunch and activities. For info: 315-858-3200.

SIDNEY

Tri-Town Dance and Social Club dance, 6 to 9:30 p.m., VFW, 133 West St. Every Wednesday. Live music and special events. \$7 for members, \$8 non-members.

SPRINGFIELD CENTER

New York State Police K-9 Demonstration, 10 a.m., Springfield Library, 129 County Highway 29A. For info: 315-858-5802.

WORCESTER

Summer Movie, noon, Wieting Theater, 168 Main St. "Hachi" will be shown. Part of the Worcester-Schenevus Library's summer reading program.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

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PSC No. 119 – Electricity - Schedule for Electric Service
PSC No. 120 – Electricity - Schedule for Electric Service
PSC No. 121 – Electricity - Schedule for Electric Service (Street Lighting)

On June 30, 2025, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) filed with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) an Investment Plan for Powering NY, which includes testimony, exhibits, and proposed delivery rate changes to the above-referenced tariff schedules for service.

The changes contained in that filing would increase revenues by approximately \$457.4 million from NYSEG's electric operations and by approximately \$90.8 million from the company's natural gas operations, to become effective in the spring of 2026.

The PSC may approve, modify or reject any or all of the proposed tariff changes. Among other things, the PSC's determination may require revisions of the proposed amount of the increases applicable to particular classifications of service or changes in rates applicable to those classifications for which no increase is proposed by the companies.

The complete NYSEG filing may be examined on the PSC's website or the PSC's Albany office. These cases are open and public. Individuals may provide comments directly to the Secretary of the PSC or offer comments at a public statement hearing hosted by the PSC. As the case proceeds, documents pertaining to the case are posted on the PSC website.

The PSC is required to render a decision within 11 months.